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For: WHOLE BLOOD IMMUNOASSAY

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

December 6, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 6, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 20 and ending on line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In view of this, for example, Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. HEI 10(1998)-48214 discloses a whole blood assay using a conventional latex agglutination method. According to this disclosure, a whole blood sample is hemolyzed with a surfactant and the resulting sample is tested by a latex turbidimetric immunoassay.--